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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a recombinant cell line capable of inducible expression of an α and/or β subunit of interleukin 12 (IL-12), and an ecdosymeinducible expression vector capable of transfecting a host cell to produce the recombinant cell line of the invention. The invention also relates to a method of screening a candidate compound for the ability to inhibit IL-12 formation and secretion which comprises the steps of incubating a cell line according to the invention with the candidate compound and then assaying the cell line culture for secreted IL-12, or a subunit thereof.

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